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Letter from Catharine Brown Porter, West Newton, Massachusetts, to Anne Whitney, 1897 November 22

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You were good to write to me, but you see I am not satisfied
yet & I send love to you & Miss M. & from me goes always very
true love to
her & for
you my
beloved. I
am always
your truly.

West Newton
Nov. 22/94

What is the matter, dearest?
Why have you been on your
couch so many days? - Are
questions I long to have
answered this very moment
I hope you have not
had severe pain in addition
to the wearisome confinement,
so ~~far~~^{hard} for your active
body & spirit to bear - and
that sleepless nights have
now added to the suffering.
I infer from your letter
that you are up and

about; but I want to know
how well you are & what the
trouble has been - Carrie came
to see me some time since & told
me she had stopped at the
Charles-gate on her way here
& you were in Thelborne -
Did you get cold there?

Mariana has been talking
these many days of going to see
you, but she has not much
strength & many things have
presented. She would go to
you to-day or tomorrow; but
she has been housed for 3 days
with a sore throat & must
take care of herself - I am con-
stantly troubled about her, she
is so far from health - I am

What a world of beauty, we look upon this morning -
I should like to see those excellent gulls -

glad to tell you that Henry is
much better & stronger - walks
in the street in fine weather
& now seems likely to continue
well, unless some untoward
thing occur - Of myself I can
make a good report - My
nurse nurse has more than ful-
filled our hopes, & the change
from my good Mrs Hart was
made with little friction. All
like Miss Grant & she seems content

I walk on crutches about
my room & thro' the hall; can
stand alone for a few seconds
& bend the refractory knee a little
& feel hopeful that in good
time it will behave still
better - The beautiful cushions
from you & dear Miss Manning

was my daily comfort & help to
bring me into constant companion
ship with you - tho' that were
hardly needed, since a day never
passes without that of you
both - Dear, good Miss Channing
how blest you are with such
a friend!

I, it too
much dearest, to ask for a
few words telling me about
yourself more particularly? I know
you are a busy woman; but I
long for some definite word & especially
to know if the trouble ^{whether it has been} is really over -
Much as I long to see you, you
must never come unless you are
abundantly able - The hot cars are
not wholesome for you. If I can
only know that you are well & far
on the way to be - I shall be very
glad -

Never worry about me.
Think how well I am & how much I
have to make life pleasant -

What a world of beauty we look upon this morning -
I should like to see those exultant gulls -

You were good to write to me, but you see I am not satisfied
yet & I send love to you & Miss M. & from me goes always very

true love to
her & for
you my
beloved. I
am always
yours Katy.